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MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel White

SUBJECT : Tables Vs. Desks

1. In the attached memo -- Tables vs. Desks -- suggests that you arbitrarily select three of your staffs and ask them how many desks they can turn in for replacement with tables and, if not any, why not.

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2. I have an alternate suggestion for your consideration which, if the psychologists know what they are talking about, I believe might work better, and that is for you to all of a sudden replace your desk with a table. This will bring about a flood of requisitions from other Support elements. If you wish to swamp Logistics with requisitions, then persuade the Director, Frank Wisner, and Bob Amory to do likewise.

3. Seriously, one of the problems that plagues CIA is the lack of good publicity due to security restrictions. Hence any opportunity for us to do something to erase the general impression that we are foolish money spenders should be given the most serious consideration. The substitution of tables for desks might offer such an opportunity.

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